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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE)

Application No.: 09/774,125)

Filed: January 31, 2001)

For: LIGHT SCANNING OPTICAL)
SYSTEM, OPTICAL SCANNING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS USING)
THE SAME)

Group Art Unit: 2872

May 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Amended) A light scanning optical system comprising an incidence optical system for causing a beam emitted from light source means to be incident on a deflecting surface of a light deflector at a predetermined angle in a sub-scanning cross-section, and an imaging optical system for imaging the beam reflected and deflected by said light deflector on a surface to be scanned, wherein when a

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